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THE END OF THE WORLD

After reading that six of the planets were to behave unconventionally on the approach of a mischief-breeding comet, that a so-called astronomer in consequence predicted direful things, and that American Indians, French peasants and other persons were greatly alarmed, a morning of December 17: "Do you think I'd better go into the city today?" On, yes, do ahead," lightly answered the husband, a professional man with a home office. "If the world comes to an end you might as well be in town as here. It would hit us so quick we'd never know it." The comforted wife went ahead and shopped and when the catatonic failed to be pulled off she was not disappointed. The only disappointed person reported was a Western farmer who complained to the police that, though a man had sold him a \$15 ticket for a front seat, whence he could see the beginning of the end of the world, the performance had not come off and he had failed to get the worth of his money.

Persons who figure on mystic ancient prophecies in regard to the end of the world might as well trouble themselves no more with fears of literal accomplishment, accepting such sayings as symbolical references to moral decline or spiritual judgments upon the perverse. Some believe that the "end of the world" is nothing else, that there was such an "end" when the Jews rejected Christ, that there had been other similar "ends" in the dim ages before, and that there are more such to come. Literally it may be true that planets, like everything in nature, finally crumble up from old age, giving place to new-born worlds, but death in this stuporous form coming only after some millions of years need not trouble the sleep of us humans whose little mortal span relatively speaking is only for a day.

NEW AEROPLANE USES

The practical uses of the airplane in peace times are likely to be many and various. It is already known that airplanes can be made invaluable aids in the exploration of the wilder regions of the earth, preventing time-wasting wanderings, and some day they may even fly over the South Pole, thus saving much toil and strain and death. According to Lieutenant Wamsley of the Royal Flying Corps, the airplane has simplified African exploration and taken out of it much of its peril. His experience in the East African campaign during the World War, he says, proved that for making a reconnaissance of an unmapped district an airplane carrying a trained observer "got better results within an hour than a ground party might get in a week."

According to Wamsley's published article, carefully taken air-photographs give every accurate information, even game paths showing up "like the veins of a leaf" and signs of water and of human presence being recognized with ease. This writer tells of a flight over an unknown region which not only furnished a very fair survey "but also a detailed description of two alternate routes," together with reliable information on vegetation, rivers, fording places, villages and extent of crops. This achievement suggests that if ever the American government should be forbidden the planting of tobacco, an event which would now appear to be quite within the range of possibility, the woodland and bush-screened patches of offending growers could be readily located by airplane scouts. A sky-police or flying patrol is not an unlikely development of the future.

Divorce Notice

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa. Margaret Lee vs. Leslie Lee subpoena sur li. be for divorce. No. 212 May Term 1918.

Notice To Respondent

To Leslie Lee, late of No. 1000 Street, Pennsylvania.
Whereas Margaret Lee, your wife has filed a libel in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, of May Term, 1918 No. 212 as above entitled, praying a divorce against you, now you are hereby notified and required to appear in said Court on or before Monday, the 9th day of February next, to answer the complaint of the said Margaret Lee and in default of such appearance you will be liable to have a divorce granted in your absence.

Frank B. Wickeerham,
Sheriff of Washington County
Sheriff's Office:
Dec. 11, 1919
Guy Moffitt, Atty.

D-12-19-26-J-2

Election

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Bank of Charleroi, Charleroi, Pa., for the election of nine officers to serve for the ensuing year or until their successors are elected and qualified, and to transact any other business that may come before them, will be held at its banking rooms, Thursday, January 8, 1920 between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock P. M.

Kerfoot W. Daly,
Cashier.
D-15-22

Notice To Stockholders

Charleroi, Pa., December 12, 1919
The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank will be held at its Banking House, Charleroi, Pa., Tuesday, January 13, 1920, at 2:00 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business which might properly come before them.

R. H. Rush, Cashier
D-12-19-26



More than
60 yrs. ago
an English chemist began to manufacture BEECHAM'S PILLS. Today they have the largest sale of any medicine in the world.

Beecham's
Pills
Largest Sale of any medicine in the world.

FOR SALE

1 Lot McKean Avenue \$1500.00
5 rooms Maple Creek \$2000.00
1 Lot Meadow Avenue \$525.00
16 rooms bath, Allenwood \$5500.00
5 rooms Fallowfield avenue \$4700.00
5 rooms Lookout avenue \$4000.00
To buy a lot in Charleroi or adjoining see us.

A. L. DUBINSKY,
413 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

WE BUY LIBERTY BONDS

BOWERS & HALL,
411 Fallowfield Avenue

RICE BROS.

Laundry

Lock Box 34
Charleroi, Pa.

Charter Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Monday, January 19th, 1920, at 10:00 o'clock, a. m. by Charles L. Phillips, A. M. Costa, Joseph Harok, and others, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29th, 1874 and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called BENTLEYVILLE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, the character and object of which is the production of oil and gas and their by-products, and for these purposes to have, possess, and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto.

David M. McCloskey Solicitor
D-26-J-1-S

Hot rolls served at Casino Cafe at all hours. 135-14

Use the Classified column



AFTER XMAS SALE OF OVERCOATS

Here's the story in a nut shell--Stock-Taking Time

A Reduction of
\$5.00 to \$10.00

on any Overcoat you buy here

GREENBERG'S

5th and McKean Avenue

TRY IT FOUR WEEKS



GAINADAY WASHER - WRINGER

Here is an offer you cannot afford to miss. For only \$10.00 down, we will send a Gainaday Electric Washer and Wringer to your home. We will have an experienced demonstrator do an entire washing for you and then let you use this wonderful machine for four weeks. Think of it! We will do all this without a definite promise to buy.

\$10 Down—Easy Payments

After the demonstration and four-weeks' trial keep the Gainaday or send it back. Keeping it calls for the small first monthly payment. Then at regular intervals you can easily pay off the balance.

Every part of the Gainaday Washer and Wringer is twice as strong as need be. The wringer itself is built solidly and to withstand constant usage. It swings to any position and wrings the clothes from tub to tub without need for moving the machine.

Also a complete line of heating appliances, Christmas Tree Outfits, Mangles, Portable Stand Lamps, Boudoir Lamps, Floor Lamps, Electric Supplies

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518 McKean Avenue :: Charleroi, Pa.

The Farmer's Plans for 1920

... include a strong resolution to speedily join this bank's progressive farmer-friends.
... ready numbered among us, a determination to make full use of our facilities, and to consult more frequently and freely with our Officers.
In 1920, as always, this Institution will stand solidly behind the farmer.

BANK OF CHARLEROI

Charleroi, Pennsylvania

SALE HOURS

FRIDAY 8:00 to 6:00
SATURDAY 10 to 10
MONDAY 9:00 to 9:00

**December
26, 27, 29**

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP & STOCK TAKING SALE

NOTICE

During Sale No Goods
Charged, Laid Away,
Exchanged or Delivered

**December
26, 27, 29**

==Only 3 Big Days==

Our big Christmas rush prevents us from issuing sale bills for this big Bargain Event. This is the greatest sale of good, honest merchandise ever offered in this vicinity with bargains for everyone in all departments. Only three big days of bargain feasting.

DON'T MISS THIS BIG SURPRISE

After this big sale we will be closed for four days taking stock and will then open for business on January 3rd, 1920 under the name, FAU DRY GOODS CO. We are not advertising prices. Come to this sale and reap the big benefits. COME EARLY

LADIES HOSE
LADIES UNION SUITS
Children's Union Suits
BOUDOIR CAPS
LADIES DRESSES
CHILDRENS FURS
LADIES FURS
DRESS GINGHAMS
VOILES
APRON GINGHAMS

CALICOS
MUSLINS
FLANNELETES
CRETONNES
COTTON POPLINS

PERCALES
WOOL FLANNEL
DRAPERY
MESSALINES
GEORGETTES

CREPE-DE-CHINE
SILK POPLINS
TAFFETAS
SWEATERS
SUITS

COATS
KIMONAS
WAISTS
PETTICOATS
DOLLS

SHEETS
PILLOW CASES
GOWNS
Childrens Underwear
Ladies Underwear
BLANKETS
COMFORTS
SLIPPERS
SKIRTS

Fallowfield Ave.

FAU'S

Charleroi, Penna.

Christmas Savings Club —NOW FORMING—

Here is the Simple Plan

Your First Payment Makes You a Member

CLASS 25	Members paying 25c, each week for 50 weeks, receive.....	\$ 12.50 with interest
CLASS 50	Members paying 50c, each week for 50 weeks, receive.....	\$ 25.00 with interest
CLASS 100	Members paying \$1.00, each week for 50 weeks, receive.....	\$ 50.00 with interest
CLASS 200	Members paying \$2.00, each week for 50 weeks, receive.....	\$100.00 with interest

You May Join as Many Classes as You Desire

You will receive YOUR CHRISTMAS MONEY two weeks before CHRISTMAS

Is it possible to think of an EASIER and SURER WAY to save money for Taxes, Christmas Presents, Vacation Expenses or for any other purposes?

Get all the members of your family to join. Show this to your friends and get them to join.

Everybody is Welcome

Our Club will only be open for a short period. Call and enroll your membership today.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

CHARLEROI, PENN'A.

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CHARLEROI WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919

TWO CENT

NATURAL GAS CRAZE MAY STRIKE THIS SECTION OF THE VALLEY

**Property Below Monessen LOCAL COUPLE WERE
Being Leased with View WEDDED AT UNIONTOWN
of Drilling**

SAY FIELD RUNS THIS WAY

The Monessen Independent calls attention to the activities now prevailing in certain circles of that town with a view of testing that territory for gas production. It says that a tremendous gas boom is about to be started in and about Monessen. For the past several days agents have been making a prognosis of the possibilities for a big strike in that community and evidence has been creeping in that Monessen is located in as great of not greater vein than has been tapped at McKeesport. The territory adjacent to Monessen has practically all been taken up by leases on evidence that gas will be discovered there in large quantities.

This evidence is based upon the geological survey and is further borne out by the fact that small flows have been discovered while drilling water wells in that town. At this time two wells are producing gas within the corporate limits of the borough.

At the lower end of Monessen a well at a depth of sixty feet is producing sufficient gas to keep a light continuously burning a rod at another place the gas is brought to the surface by means of a small pipe and has proven to be a continuous supply. On a portion of ground now owned by the Pittsburgh Steel company there is a productive well with a small volume. In the Webster hollow section several wells produced small volumes of gas for a time and the Shepley farm back of Monessen was also the scene of a strike.

The wells drilled in that locality were put down 1,800 feet, but the promoters of the new field propose going down to the Speichley sand, which has proven to be so productive in the Snake hollow field above McKeesport. It is the opinion of many that this field continues up the Monongahela valley and crosses the river somewhere in the vicinity of Monaca, he's. In the meantime the "gas fever" seems to be growing stronger, from day to day in this section of the valley, and if any one of the proposed wells should come in with anything like the volume of those in the McKeesport district it is safe to assert that the gas boom would be on in this district to as great an extent as it now prevails at points further down the river.

The plan adopted at the recent meeting of the Republican National Committee for deliberation by party representatives upon proposed platform plan in advance of the convention, is a big step forward. The plan of throwing a platform together in a few hours has been followed since the adoption of the national convention plan, with unsatisfactory results.

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Generous Gifts Bring Cheer To Many Homes In Charleroi

A committee composed of Messrs. Miller and Swickey from the Charleroi Lodge of Elks, and Chief Albright and Officer Murphy, made a distribution of the baskets of Christmas cheer prepared under direction of the charity committee of the Elks lodge on Christmas morning. About two dozen bushel baskets, filled to overflowing with good things to eat, were distributed to those on the list of the Elks committee, and it served to bring a true spirit of the Christmas time to the recipients.

The recipients were most grateful for the gifts and this feeling was manifested in many ways. One woman when informed that the generous basket was for her, grasped a hand of one of the committeemen, and while tears were streaming down her cheeks, kissed it, an act which almost overcame the one who

was the bearer of the gift. At another place, after wishing a little girl who came to the door a "Merry Christmas," she replied that they would have no Christmas. However the donation of the big basket changed the atmosphere in that home, as well as in all of the others, but it served to impress upon the committee the absolute need of a more generous and a more systematic contribution of food and money in order to take care of the many deserving cases of charities in the town. Whenever the people have been called upon they have responded nobly but a contributing list from which could be expected donations at intervals would easily solve the charity problem in Charleroi. However, Christmas time was a time of cheer to many poor people of Charleroi because of the generosity of our people.

TURKEY AND TRIMMINGS AS AN INDUCEMENT TO CHRISTMAS WORK

**FORMER CHARLEROI GIRL
'MARRIED IN PITTSBURGH'**

R. Dale Jolliffe, Bellevue, Pa., announces the marriage of his sister, Harriet Martha to Dr. J. C. Foster, son of Dr. Julia E. Foster, of Butler, Pa., on December 24th, 1919. The service was read by the Rev. James Law of the West End M. E. church, Pittsburgh. There were no attendants and only the immediate relatives were present at the ceremony. The bride is a graduate of Miss Carter's School at Princeton, N. J., and has been an instructor in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Dr. and Mrs. Foster will be at home, after January 1, at "The Berram" 501 W. Jefferson St., Butler, Pa.

Steamboats Furnish Fine Spread for Members of Boat Crews

NEW BOAT NOW IN COMMISSION

Contrary to the usual custom, Christmas was not so strictly observed by the rivermen as in previous years. Christmas is one of the days that is strictly observed by the Longshoremen's Association, but owing to the recent strike and present river conditions there was a compromise made between the owners and shippers, and members of the association, whereby an extra banquet dinner was served on all steamboats. Turkey and all the usual trimmings, with ice cream, candy and cigars as side issues, made up the bill of fare, and it was served in most generous portions. As a result of this situation on the part of coal shippers it was possible to keep boats moving throughout the day, although their movements were hampered considerably by the heavy ice now prevailing in the pools. The stage of water is not sufficient to carry it over the dams and boats are having the usual trouble in getting tows down stream.

The day was also marked by the appearance of the new all-steel Carnegie Steel company boat Homer D. Williams. This new boat passed up Christmas day noon with a capacity for the sixth pool, and from now on will be engaged in the towing trade on the Monongahela river. The Williams is a companion boat to the Edgar Thomson, with some improvements over the former boat, and from present indications will prove one of the best boats in the fleet.

The Williams is the second boat in a group of four steamers now under construction by the Carnegie Steel company, the third one of which will be the J. D. Whigham, which is expected to be placed in the trade about the first of February, to be followed by the fourth and last some time in the early spring.

ON NORMAL BASIS MONDAY MORNING

It is anticipated that all of the Donora mills will go back to a normal basis on Monday next. But few additional men are needed to fill out every crew in the three mills, and no difficulty is apprehended in securing these men. Many new men came into Donora during the strike, and all of these are being retained. Some of the men who remained out during the strike will be taken back, and while they may not be given their old jobs back, will be given employment in the mill. Production has been up to normal in the Donora mills for several weeks.

COURT ORDERS A BELATED COUNT

The ballot box of Rice's Landing borough was brought into the Greensburg county court at Waynesburg on Monday, and the vote for justice of the peace was counted. The court showed that James R. Black had received 48 votes for the office. William Faddis 53 and M. B. Houck one. It seems that on the day of the election the election board of Rice's Landing decided that there was no vacancy in the office of justice of the peace in the borough and for that reason deemed that it was not necessary to count the vote. As a result no returns were made for the office. A petition was presented asking that the ballot box be opened and the count made.

**WELL KNOWN YOUNG
COUPLE MARRIED CHRISTMAS**

The marriage of Russell F. Bucy and Miss Dorothy Jane Shippe was an event of Christmas morning at the bride's home, in the presence of the members of the immediate families. The ceremony was simple and was performed by the Rev. C. G. Huffer, pastor of the Christian church. The attendants were A. Vandermer of Charleroi and Miss Rebecca Hackett of Pittsburgh. About twenty four invited guests were present to witness the ceremony, and later partook of an elegant wedding dinner. The groom is a progressive young man of Charleroi, while the bride is well known and has a large circle of friends. Both are popular in church circles. Mr. and Mrs. Bucy left for Crafton, Pa. and Wellsburg, W. Va. where they will spend the remainder of the week with relatives and friends.

The difference between the miner and liquor men is that the miner did not want to accept 14 per cent, while the liquor men would only be too glad to take 275 if they could get it.

Basket Ball December 27 Charleroi K. of C. vs. Braddock of C. St. Jerome's Lyceum at 8: Preliminary game at 7:15. 172-41

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DROPPED DEAD AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Robert R. Steele of Little Falls, W. Va., dropped dead while about to enter the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Voelker, at 815 Oakland avenue. Wednesday afternoon shortly after one o'clock Mr. Steele had arrived in Charleroi but a short time before and had rode up the hill in a taxi. After alighting from the taxi he walked about two squares and was met by his daughter at the gate. She inquired after his health and Mr. Steele replied that he was feeling quite well. Immediately after making this response to his daughter's inquiry, Mr. Steele appeared to be suddenly overcome and fell to the ground. A physician was summoned when it was ascertained that he had died from valvular heart trouble. The body was taken to the mortuary of Lawrence B. Frye and prepared for burial. This morning it was taken to Morgantown and the funeral will be held Saturday from the late home of Mr. Steele at Little Falls. The deceased was in his 73rd year, and is survived by six children.

YOUNGSTERS ENJOY A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mrs. William High entertained about forty children at the Elks parlors Christmas afternoon, who otherwise might not have had a share of the Christmas spirit which prevailed all day yesterday. At the parlors all of the children received gifts, as well as candy and nuts, after which they were all taken to the Coyle theatre, where they enjoyed the picture play to the utmost. All of the youngsters were enthusiastic every minute during the afternoon and Mrs. High never entertained a more appreciative assembly of guests than these young folks, many of whom had never before been inside moving picture theatre. It was indeed an enjoyable afternoon for them.

ANOTHER DIVIDEND FROM DEFUNCT BANK

Announcement was made in Waynesburg on Thursday by Receiver John F. Straw that he had placed in the mails a five per cent dividend for the creditors of the Farmers and Drovers National Bank of Waynesburg. When the bank went under several years ago it was believed that no more than 45 per cent of the money entrusted to the bank would ever be returned. However with the newest dividend a total of 65 per cent has been turned over to the depositors. The dividend is a result of a completed coal deal which netted the bank \$78,000.

BODY HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED

Unless the body of the man at the Timpane morgue in California is identified by Saturday, it is likely to be buried by the county authorities. A number of friends of Sam Girrat, who is supposed to be the murdered man, went to California on Wednesday afternoon, but would not identify it as that of the Charleroi man. However, the local police expect to make another effort to have the body identified which they believe will be successful. The remains may be brought to Charleroi for that purpose.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING AT SQUIRE NUTT'S OFFICE

Francois Rene Davy and Jeanne Hennau were united in marriage by Justice Paul R. Nutt, at his office, No. 435 McKean avenue, Charleroi, Pa., at 10:30 a. m., December 25th. The bride is the daughter of Adolph and Adeline Hennau of 212, Look-out avenue. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple departed for St. Romold, Etchimin, Province of Quebec, Canada, where the young man is engaged with his father trading as hardware merchants.

Elmer Fox of Maple Creek, contributed \$2 to the associated charities of Charleroi on Thursday. The money was given to Chief Albright while taking a basket of food to an old soldier out the creek.

CROSSED WIRES CAUSE EXCITEMENT

Some little excitement was caused Thursday afternoon about four o'clock when it was believed that a fire was raging in the rear of the Crowley building. Flames were seen to leap from the rear of the structure and it looked as if the building was on fire. An investigation revealed the fact that electric wires which carried power to the marble shop in the rear of the building had become crossed and were spitting fire at a great rate. The heat generated was so great that the iron conduit through which wires ran was melted in two, while the noise made by the wires was such as to cause people to believe a big fire was under way. Employees of the West Penn Power company were sent for, who cut the wires and thus removed all danger. No damage was done to the building.

MARRIAGE OF WELL KNOWN YOUNG PEOPLE

A wedding which interests many people in Charleroi took place at Elizabeth on Monday last, when Miss Yewarth Westby, of that town, and Alexander H. Chalfant, of Salem, O., were married. The bride is well known and very popular in her home town and is a graduate of Bucknell. Mr. Chalfant, a brother of Mrs. M. T. Crowley of Charleroi, was also a student at Bucknell and during the war served overseas as a member of the Bucknell Ambulance Corps. At present he is engaged in the automobile business in Salem, Ohio, where the newly married couple will make their home.

Mrs. M. T. Crowley goes to Morgantown on Saturday morning, to attend the funeral of her uncle, Luis Madera, who dropped dead on Wednesday in his home town. Mr. Madera was a well known citizen of Morgantown and was well known all through the upper Monongahela valley.

Mrs. C. P. Shaw of Oakland California is at the home of her father Hamilton M. Booth, Center avenue, Lock No. 4, for an extended visit.

Majestic Theatre Today

and tomorrow. Clara Kimball Young in

"THE BETTER WIFE"

also Neal Hart in "Elements of Might"

Monday - Gladys Brockwell in "Thieves"

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

awaits the person who has formed the habit of regular deposits with the First National Bank.

If you have not been saving in the past, now is the time to turn over a new leaf and start an account with us.

4 Per Cent Interest Paid on Savings Accounts



The First National Bank
CHARLEROI, PA.

CIGARET SMOKERS

On January 1st--Camels, Lucky Strike, Piedmont and Chesterfield will advance to

20c Per Pkg.

Save some money as we are willing to sell any of the above at old prices until that date

18c pkg., \$1.70 carton

MIGHT'S BOOK STORE

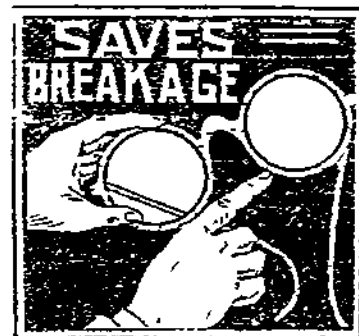
Coyle Theatre Today

AND TOMORROW

Edith Stewart with the greatest of all casts ever assembled in any photo play in

"Her Kingdom of Dreams"

Seven Big Reels



SHELL RIM SPECTACLES

Windy days and slippery walking make a pair of shell rim spectacles a necessity in winter. The cost is moderate here.

JOHN B. SCHAFER

515 McKean Ave.

Charleroi, Pa.